

Missouri Department of Economic Development

Small Business Incubator

2005 Performance Report

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Executive Summary

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

620.495, RSMo, as amended

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to generate private funds to be used to establish a “protective business environment” (incubator) in which a number of small businesses can collectively operate, fostering growth and development during a business’ start-up period.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

An incubator is a building, which can be divided into smaller units of space to be leased by small businesses. An incubator is also a program without infrastructure in which participants avail themselves of business development services to assist in the growth of their start-up businesses.

In addition to the space, incubators provide business development services for use by the tenants and participants. These services shall include, but are not limited to, financial consulting assistance, management and marketing assistance, business education, and physical services such as personal computers, copier, facsimile, conference rooms, labs, etc. Because of the shared services and efficient use of the available space, costs are usually much less than for a small business operating independently.

The incubator is not intended to be a permanent home for the new firm. After a period determined by the incubator’s policy, a tenant will move from the incubator, thereby making room available in the incubator for a new start-up firm.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development approves (“certifies”) or denies proposals for small business incubators based on the ability of the incubator to meet statutory requirements of the program; the economic impact of the incubator on the community; conformance with area-wide and local economic development plans; and location of the incubator, in order to encourage geographic distribution of incubators across the state. Certified incubators may receive contributions from taxpayers. The taxpayers in turn may receive tax credits in the amount of 50% of the contributions. The tax credits can be carried forward for five years and also be sold or transferred. The overall maximum amount of tax credits that can be authorized in any one calendar year is \$500,000.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Tax credits issued through the Small Business Incubator Program from the program’s inception through December 31, 2005, total \$2.2 million, which attracted contributions totaling \$4.4 million.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Most tenants are originally from Missouri. However, four tenants were attracted from other states, primarily to CET and NIDUS, which are biological-medical technologies and plant-life sciences incubators, respectively. These tenants chose CET and NIDUS due to their unique locations and affiliations with major research institutions, hospitals and universities located in the St. Louis region. Most graduates decided to stay in Missouri because of the founders’ and workforce’s residency. The graduates that relocated to other states identified the reasons for such decision as inability to raise additional funding or acquisition by another company. The information regarding the number of jobs, payroll and investment of graduate companies is not complete because most incubators do not track such data and thus are unable to provide it. Also, two out of the thirteen incubators did not report at all.

Table 1 “Annual Applications Rec’d/Approved through December 31, 2005”

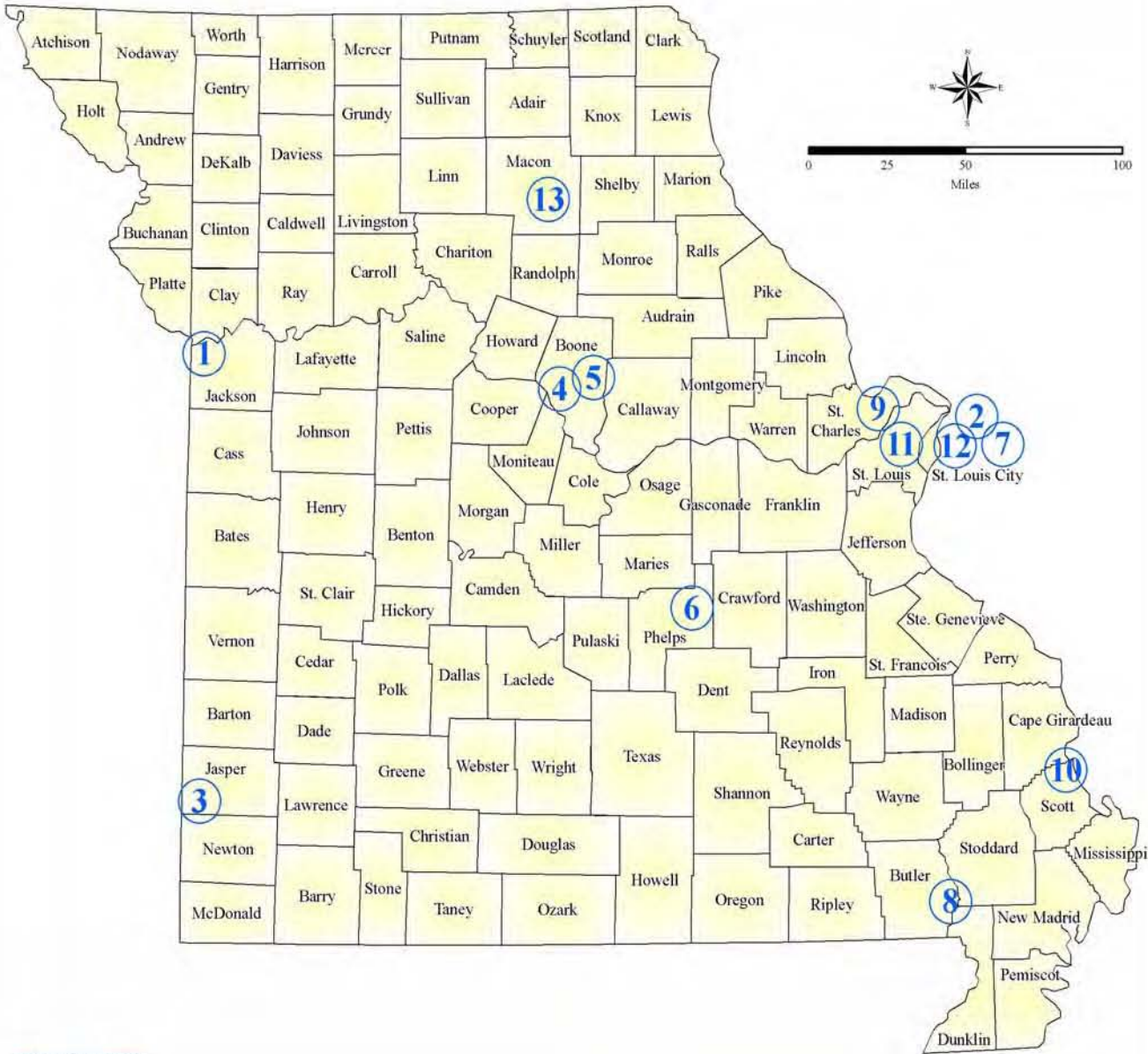
Year	Applications Rec’d	Applications Approved	Name
1991	3	3	MITF, OZARK, StLEC
1992	1	1	SBSC
1993			
1994			
1995	1	1	MIC
1996			
1997	2	2	BEU, THEC
1998	1	1	CET
1999			
2000			
2001			
2002			
2003	2	2	NIDUS, TEC
2004	2	2	LSBIC, JNB TIC
2005	1	1	SMIC
Total	13	13	

Table 2 “Performance Statistics – SFY 2005”
(See Exhibit 1 for detail by incubator)

Data Description	Total for all Incubators
# Created	13
# Active	11
# Under construction	3
Average occupancy rate	74%
Focus	Bio-Med., R&D, Mfg, IT/ Com, Plant & Life Sci, Mixed
State origin current/previous tenants	MO, NY, VA/CA, PA/NJ/FL, IL
# Tenants	77
# Tenants/Incubator jobs	534
\$ Tenants/Incubator payroll	\$35,441,002
\$ Tenants/incubator spending	\$151,953,494
Tenants average length in years	2.06 yrs
# Failed	43
Failed average length in years	2.07 yrs
# Missouri graduates	104
# Missouri graduates jobs	532
# Missouri graduates still in business	92
Missouri graduates average length in years	2.20 yrs
\$ Missouri graduates payroll	\$1,580,000
\$ Missouri graduates spending	\$375,000
# Other graduates	13
Other graduates average length in years	1.60 yrs
States moved to	CA, CO, NJ, IL, KY, SC, TX, WA, WI

Geographical Distribution

Missouri Certified Incubators



Missouri Certified Incubators Contact Information List

1. Black Economic Union/Economic Growth Group (BEU)

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Sponsor: Center for Emerging Technologies

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4. Life Sciences Business Incubation Center (LSBIC)

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*Still active as an innovation center.

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9. Small Business Synergy Center (SBSC)

Sponsor: Small Business Synergy Center

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10. Southeast Missouri Innovation Center (SMIC)

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13. Thomas Hill Enterprise Center (THEC) - not active

Sponsor: Thomas Hill Enterprise Center

Macon, MO